



Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

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12 February 2009

Stewart Kirkpatrick
MT Dept. of Administration / ITSD
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Dear Sir:

Please accept the enclosed application for the Montana Land Information Act 2010 FY from the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council. As the Executive Director of this organization, I see the value and purpose of the Montana Land Information Act and our goal with this application is to assist Tribes in their respective capacities to develop a standardized, sustainable method to collect, maintain, and disseminate information in digital formats about the natural and artificial land characteristics of Montana. If this grant application is successful, we will be able to provide funding to increase training opportunities for Tribal GIS users and the project will eventually result in a comprehensive Tribal GIS assessment and communication pathway for Tribal and non-Tribal GIS communications. Three technical training opportunities for Tribes will be provided through this funding opportunity and the grant will also support the framework for Tribes to build capacity and partnerships to support future Tribal GIS programs.

The project has several important benefits: (1) Tribes will have increased access to technical training opportunities and resources; (2) State agencies will have improved communication among Tribes and Tribal GIS programs; and (3) Tribes will use knowledge gained through this project to create maps, thus contributing to the digital land information database.

Please feel free to contact me should you require anything further: Phone 406.252.2550 or by email at belcourt@mtwytlc.com

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to the possibility of this collaborative effort.

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Gordon Belcourt
Executive Director

Applicant Information

1. Primary Applicant (Required):

Name of principle individual: **Gordon Belcourt, MPH Executive Director**

Name of agency\entity: Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

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Organizational Unit (if applicable)

Department:

Division:

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3. Name of contact: Charlene Alden, Director

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3. Date Submitted (Required): 2/12/09

4. Date Received by State:

4. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project (Required): **Montana Tribal Leaders GIS Project: Providing access to human and technological resources in order to create, implement and maintain effective Tribal GIS programs.**

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The purpose of this proposal is to provide funding to increase Tribal GIS access to training while building technical capacity for current and future GIS Tribal users. The project will result in a comprehensive Tribal GIS assessment and communication pathway for tribal and non-tribal GIS communications, three technical training activities for Tribes provided by the USGS EROS. This project meets goal MLIA Goal 2, Objective 2.1 to build an organizational framework and stable infrastructure that efficiently provides human and technological resources needed to support the use and integration of digital land information into the crucial business processes of tribal stakeholders.

Problem: Montana tribes need access to human and technological resources in order to create, implement, and maintain effective tribal GIS programs.

Goal 1: To provide increased access and training for Tribal GIS users in Montana.

Goal 2: To improve the communication between tribal GIS users and county, local, state, and federal entities.

Goal 3: Integrate digital land information for tribal users.

Performance Objectives

1. Assess and Compile Tribal GIS Capacity, Contacts, Resources, and Key Agencies
 - Goals: Addresses Goals 2 & 3
 - Activities: Contact all Montana tribes, explain the MLIA project, collect contact information and summarize current GIS resources.
 - Outputs: Written letter explaining the intent of the MLIA project.
Email, fax, or mail contact to all tribal contacts with specific information and opportunities for involvement.
Use Tribal leaders, Tribal Environmental Departments, and Tribal Natural Resource Departments to compile a comprehensive GIS resource database for tribes in Montana.
 - Outcomes: a. Identification of GIS capacity within Montana tribes;
b. Establishment of a communication network among tribal GIS professionals;
c. Improved communication and visibility among non-tribal and tribal agencies.
2. Design and Implement GIS/ Remote Sensing Training
 - Goals: Addresses Goals 1, 2 & 3
 - Activities: Determine training needs for tribal GIS users. Offer three workshops focusing on field and classroom activities. Hands-on, instruction for GIS users.
 - Outputs: Technical training for Montana Tribes, 50 hours of training and preparation offered by USGS.
 - Outcomes: a. Improved GIS capacity among Montana tribes;
b. Identification of areas of greatest need and training for future GIS training;
c. Model framework for future workshops Improved communication and visibility among non-tribal and tribal agencies.
3. Create human and technological resources to improve the sustainability and visibility of Tribal GIS in Montana.
 - Goals: Addresses Goals 1, 2 & 3
 - Activities: Assist tribes with developing communication plans, funding opportunities, and business plans to create Tribal GIS programs. Connect tribes with each other and non-tribal GIS users in the State.
 - Outputs: Guiding document for tribes to assist them with long-term planning of tribal GIS, including software needs, training, and relationship building.
 - Outcomes: a. Human and technological resources established for Tribes.
b. Use of Tribal Leaders to lead future efforts to develop sustainable Tribal GIS programs.

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- c. State of Montana benefits from having communication with Tribal GIS users who can contribute to the state map, and eventually digital information layers on Tribal lands.

The Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (TLC) aims to develop a physical and organizational infrastructure that will support the long-term collection, maintenance, and availability and use of digital land information. The TLC has the ability to convene tribal leadership from Montana tribes and gain willful support of initiatives such as this, to improve the infrastructure and capacity of tribal agencies throughout Montana. Working with partners such as the United States Geological Survey, Rocky Mountain College, Tribal Colleges, and Tribal GIS representatives, TLC can serve a critical mass of people while keeping the best interest of tribes in mind.

The missing link between tribe-to-tribe relationships and tribe-to-state relationships are most evident in the lack of communication and joint capacity building of various agencies. Tribal GIS infrastructure and capacity is lacking in Montana. Because tribes are sovereign nations and often operate basic programs without the support of the state or federal government, their ability to access GIS resources is limited. The growing disparity between tribal and non-tribal GIS users is growing in the State of Montana. If this project is not funded, the Montana GIS Federation/Enterprise will fail to serve Montana Tribes, mainly because Tribal users will lack the basic skills to contribute to the State GIS system and digital layer framework. The project has several important benefits: (1) Tribes will have increased access to technical training opportunities and resources; (2) State agencies will have improved communication among tribes and tribal GIS programs; and (3) Tribes will use knowledge gained through this project to create maps, thus contributing to the Montana digital land information database.

The Tribal Leaders Council is the unifying voice for Tribal GIS needs, their unwavering commitment to Tribal programs is evident in that they have supported tribal leaders for over a decade, and provided funding mechanisms for tribes to benefit from collaborative opportunities such as the Montana Land Information Act Grant.

Scope of Work

The proposed project will provide the organizational framework and stable infrastructure for Montana tribal GIS through innovative GIS workshops and hands-on training. Our innovative partnership with the USGS allows us to offer the latest technology and science for tribal constituents. Workshops will be technically intense, resource, capacity driven project to bring training and resources to Montana tribes. We intend to provide the following services for GIS Tribal users in Montana: (1) increased access and training for Tribal GIS users in Montana; (2) improved communication between tribal GIS users and county, local, state, and federal entities; and (3) integration of digital land information for tribal users. Montana tribes need access to human and technological resources in order to create, implement, and maintain effective tribal GIS programs. The current infrastructure at both state and federal levels does not adequately serve tribes and their GIS needs.

Deliverables and Acceptance Criteria

Timeline

July 1, 2009

Project begins. Letter to Montana tribes notifying tribal agencies who use GIS of the award status and resources available through the Montana GIS Project. Brief tribes on the project plan and training/resource opportunities.

Deliverable- Letter to tribes, initial contact with tribes established.

July 15, 2009

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Follow-up contact with tribal agencies to seek input on the tribal GIS contact database. This will ensure that all agencies using GIS will be included in training / resource opportunities made available through the MLIA grant.

Deliverable- Comprehensive database of tribal GIS users in the State of Montana.

August 1, 2009

Assessment of the GIS capacity at each tribe in Montana. Dr. Wood and Ms. Kelley will compact tribal agencies located on each reservation in Montana. Tribes will be asked to schedule a time to meet with the team to talk about their GIS and Remote sensing training needs.

Deliverable- In-person contact made with all tribal agencies interested in participating in the Montana Tribal GIS Project.

August 15, 2009

Plan workshops for the upcoming year, a total of three workshops focusing on GIS and Remote Sensing. Query tribes and ask them the technical level of GIS workshop they prefer, dates, times and locations for the workshop.

Deliverable- Work plan and locations for training opportunities established.

August 30, 2009

Offer the first field based workshop for tribes to get them familiar with GIS use, field application, and provide general assistance for tribes working on GIS projects. Purchase of 10 GPS units @ \$150 each to be used throughout the year for training. GPS units will remain with participating tribes once project is complete.

Deliverable- Workshop offered at one location, all tribal users welcome.

September 15, 2009

Individual contact with tribal GIS users. Individual contact with neighboring county, state, local GIS users.

Deliverable- Establishment of communication link among tribal and non-tribal GIS users.

October 15, 2009

Second technical training workshop offered.

Deliverable- Workshop complete, increased GIS/RS capacity for tribal users.

October 30, 2009

Follow-up with participants of first workshop to evaluate the effectiveness and content of workshop. Modifications to proceeding workshops will be made based on feedback from participants.

Deliverable- Contact with participant's modification to subsequent workshops as needed.

November 15, 2009

Ongoing support for tribal GIS users. Planning for second workshop

Deliverable- Demonstrated contact with tribal GIS users.

December 15, 2009

Offer third workshop, focus on participant needs, interests and current projects. Invite non-tribal GIS users the second day, provide opportunity for sharing ideas, resources, and capacity with county, state, and local GIS users.

Deliverable- Plan for future communications and projects among tribal and non-tribal GIS communities.

January 15, 2009

Ongoing support for tribal GIS users. Planning for third workshop

Deliverable- Demonstrated contact with tribal GIS users.

February 15, 2009

Identify future GIS needs and capacity. Work with tribal leaders and tribal agencies to forecast training needs and GIS concerns for upcoming users.

Deliverable- Final report and recommendations to the State of Montana and Tribal leaders detailing future needs of Tribal GIS users in Montana and establishment of future collaborations resulting from this project.

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The acceptance criteria will be based on the ability of the Tribal Leaders Council to carryout the objectives and produce deliverables outlined above.

Partner Roles and Responsibilities:

The Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (TLC) serving as the lead agency. TLC will oversee all financial and executive ownership of the project. The Council will be responsible for building consensus among tribal leaders and their agencies to participate and engage in the GIS projects as mentioned in this proposal.

Previous Experience: TLC has managed millions of dollars in federal, state, and private grants. TLC has supported previous efforts by Rocky Mountain College and the USGS to offer tribal college GIS workshops and for the past three years.

Tribal Partners Northern Cheyenne and Crow will benefit from the proposal in that equipment and training resources will be allocated for their use. All tribal agencies will be invited to attend the trainings and equipment / participating support dollars will be allocated to these tribes.

Tribal Colleges at Northern Cheyenne and Crow all have Arc GIS 9.1 from previous workshops offered by the USGS and Rocky. GIS instructors and resources will be used by the TLC whenever possible. Previous Experience: Colleges offer both convenient locations for participants, and well-equipped computer labs.

Rocky Mountain College may serve as one of the workshop locations. If tribal colleges are not available for technical training, Rocky may provide classroom facilities.

Previous Experience: Under the direction of Ms. Kelley, Rocky has offered five GIS workshops reaching over 100 tribal constitutions on four reservations throughout Montana. Most recently Rocky hosted a remote sensing workshop for tribal members in Montana and Wyoming, reaching 18 tribal and county representatives from five reservations. Rocky has a GIS lab with Arc GIS 9.1 and computer facilities which include access to the internet.

Allyson Kelley, Tribal Coordinator, will serve as the primary contact between tribes and the tribal leader's council. Ms. Kelley will work closely with the TLC staff to ensure all outreach, training, projects, and programs are completed in a timely manner. Ms. Kelley will also serve as the initiator of relationships among and between non-tribal agencies and tribes in Montana.

Eric Wood, GIS and Remote Sensing Specialist, will serve as the technical lead on this project. Dr. Wood and his colleagues at the USGS will create and provide all training opportunities offered through this project. Dr. Wood will also serve as a technical resource for tribes, building on relationships created over the past three years with Ms. Kelley and tribes throughout Montana.

Geography Affected

The Montana Tribal GIS Project will be available to all tribes in Montana, however it is expected that the majority of participants will represent Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribes (Attachment A). It is expected that a minimum of two tribes will participate in each training opportunity, and that non-tribal GIS users will also attend. Many tribes work closely with neighboring counties. Examples of this include Big Horn County DES Coordinator, Ed Aucker, working with the Crow Tribe and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. Another example is Roosevelt County GIS, Clayton Vine, working with the Fort Peck Tribe.

In November 2008, Chief Dull Knife College and Rocky Mountain College offered a 2-day GIS workshop for the Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribe. This workshop included seven Crow tribal agency representatives, and 16 Northern Cheyenne tribal agency representatives. The workshop was largely successful and allowed both tribes to communicate and share GIS data (Attachment B).

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Detailed Budget Table

Category	Applicant Share (including in-kind)	MLIA Share	Other Share	Total
a. Personnel	\$ -		n/a	
Admin support, 2 hours per week x 192 weeks @ \$18 hour	\$ -	\$ 6,912.00		\$ 6,912.00
b. Fringe Benefits		\$ 691.20		\$ 691.20
10% Fringe				
c. Travel				
3 RT Air @ \$450 each	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00		\$ 1,350.00
Rental Car 3 @ \$500	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Mileage	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Participant Travel	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
Perdiem 45days@\$39 day	\$ -	\$ 1,755.00		\$ 1,755.00
d. Equipment				
10 GPS Units @ \$150 each	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
e. Supplies				
Classroom Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
f. Contractual	\$ -			
Northern Cheyenne Env. Infrastructure Needs		\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Crow Infrastructure Needs	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Dr. Eric Wood USGS Sub contract	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00
g. Other				

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Ms. Allyson Kelley Consultant	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Tribal College Facility Rental, 3@1000 each		\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Office, Computer, Meeting Space TLC	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -		\$ 8,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 90,708.20		\$ 90,708.20
TLC Indirect Rate 5%		\$ 4,535.41		\$ 4,535.41
Total	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 95,243.61		\$ 103,243.61

Separate budget summary for each participant (including subcontracts)

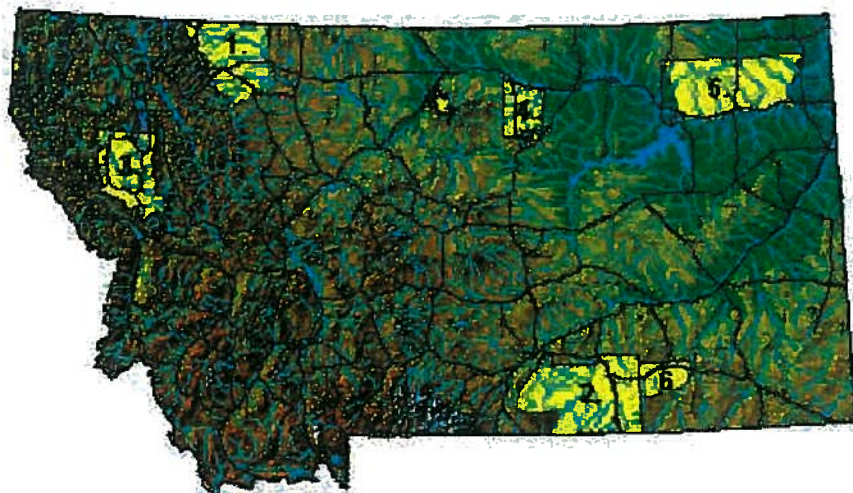
Category	Applicant	1 st Partner Northern Cheyenne	2 nd Partner Crow Tribe	Total
a. Personnel	6912.00	0.00	0.00	6912.00
b. Fringe Benefits	691.20	0.00	0.00	691.2
c. Travel	6605.00	7500.00	7500.00	21605.00
d. Equipment	1500.00	5000.00	5000.00	11500.00
e. Supplies	2000.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00
f. Contractual	35000.00	0.00	0.00	35000.00
g. Other	13000.00	0.00	0.00	13000.00
Totals	65708.20	12500.00	12500.00	90708.20

The budget provides support for administrative help two hours per week, travel for instructors from the USGS and consultants, subcontracts for Northern Cheyenne and Crow Tribal GIS infrastructure needs, Tribal college facility rental with Arc GIS, and in-kind donation from the TLC for office space, computer use and meeting space, and the TLC's reduced negotiated indirect cost rate of 5%.

Statements of support have been included for the purposes of demonstrating participation and interest in the proposed project (Attachment C).

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Attachment A
Geography Affected



1. Blackfeet I.R.
2. Crow I.R.
3. Flathead I.R.
4. Fort Belknap I.R.

5. Fort peck I.R.
6. Northern Cheyenne I.R.
7. Rocky Boy's I.R.I.

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Attachment B

November 2007 Workshop Attendees

#	NAME	EMPLOYMENT
1	Aleda Jo Spang	NC Volunteer Fire Department/Fire Protection
2	Clifford Foote	NC Tribal Housing Authority
3	Dean Smith	Morning Star Baptist Church Pastor
4	Ed Joiner	NC Tribe - NC Volunteer Fire Department
5	Joshua Sioux	NC Volunteer Fire Department
6	LaVonne King	NC Transportation/Planning
7	Mary BearQuiver	NC Tribal Forestry
8	Merlin Sioux	NC Tribe - Fire Protection
9	Reginold Killsnight	NC Transportation/Planning
10	Apolonia Castro	NC Tribal Forestry
11	Fisher Conrad	NC Tribe
12	Gilbert Brady	NC Tribal HPO
13	Gilbert Whitedirt	unknown
14	Hart Eugene	NC Tribal HPO
15	Janis Spear	NC Transportation/Planning
16	John Baker	unknown
17	Jolene Spang	NC Tribal Housing Authority
18	Josh Peppers	NC Fire and Aviation
19	June Limberhand	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Forestry
20	Lee Old Bear	Bureau of Indian Affairs - NCA, Fire & Aviation
21	Leland Black	Bureau of Indian Affairs -Dept. of Interior
22	Marilyn Freemont	unknown
23	Mario Pretty Boy, Jr.	Bureau of Indian Affairs - NCA, Forestry/Fire
24	Micheline Bearcomesout	NC Tribe - Housing Improvement Program
25	Mike Bearcomesout	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Fire/Aviation
26	Robert G. Snow	Hardware Hank
27	Robert M. Snow	Bureau of Indian Affairs - NCA, Fire
28	Ronald J. Peppers	Bureau of Indian Affairs - NCA, Fire
29	Stephanie Brady	Bureau of Indian Affairs
30	Steve Solis	unknown
31	Tracy Spang	Bureau of Indian Affairs - Forestry
32	Vincent White Crane	NC Housing Authority
33	Warren Spang	NC Tribal HPO
	CROW GROUP	
34	Andrew Round Face	unknown
35	Athalia Rose Rock Above	Rocky Mountain College
36	Brad Stovall	Crow Tribe Environmental Dept
37	Carolyn Morrison	Crow Tribe Environmental Dept
38	Joyce Laforge	Crow Tribe - Public Safety
39	Roberta Fitch	Crow Tribe Environmental Dept
40	Susette Nanto-Spang	Crow Tribe Environmental Dept
41	Theodore Round Face	Crow Tribe Environmental Dept
42	Vincent Goes Ahead	Crow Tribe Environmental Dept
43	William Driftwood	Crow Tribe - Public Safety

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**Attachment C
Statements of Support Included**

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January 29, 2009

Re: Montana Land Information Act 2010 FY Application Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

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We are particularly impressed with the level of commitment that Dr. Wood and Ms. Kelley have demonstrated over the years by offering Tribal GIS and Remote Sensing training for the Crow Tribe.

By signing this letter I pledge my support to the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and their professional staff, to offer technical training and opportunities in the area of GIS and Remote Sensing.

Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,



Roberta Fitch, Director
Crow Tribal Environmental Department



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Sincerely,

Charlene Alden, Director
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Environmental Program



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:
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Re: Montana Land Information Act 2010 FY Application Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

On behalf of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Resources Observation and Science Center (EROS), I strongly support the efforts of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leader's Council to secure project funding through the Montana Land Information Act Grant. If awarded, I will bring my technical expertise to this project, which will provide hands-on training and technical assistance in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing to participating Montana Tribes. Through previous outreach efforts I have witnessed the disparities among tribal groups and their ability to initiate GIS related projects. I feel that this opportunity will empower tribes to initiate such projects, and create the potential for adding additional geospatial data layers to the State of Montana archive.

Through years of experience working with tribes in Montana and the proven results demonstrated from previous workshops around the world, the USGS EROS is well suited to provide technical training in the use of GIS and remote sensing.

I wish you success in the proposal review process.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Wood, Physical Scientist
North Central Area Native American
Tribal Liaison



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Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

I strongly support the efforts of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leader's Council to secure funding through the Montana Land Information Act Grant. If awarded, I pledge my support to the Montana Tribes and the Council to bring GIS capacity building and training opportunities to tribal constituents. If funded, this project will provide much needed capacity building and training for tribes who have demonstrated the greatest need in previous GIS/Remote Sensing workshops.

In the event that training facilities and or resources are needed, Rocky Mountain College will provide facilities and resources for the Tribal Leaders Council. We strongly support the goals of this project and feel that it meets the educational needs of tribal people:

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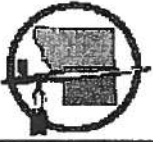
Goal 3: Integrate digital land information for tribal users.

I support the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council and their efforts to offer technical training and opportunities in the area of GIS and Remote Sensing for tribes in Montana.

Sincerely,

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Allyson Kelley, Director of Undergraduate Research
Tribal Advocate



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MT/WY TLC Resolution #: 2002- 06

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MONTANA WYOMING TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL SEEKING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (MWTLC) has been created for the express purpose of providing the Indian Tribes of Montana and Wyoming with a Unified Voice and Collective Organization to address Issues of Concern to the Tribes and Indian people on a state and national level; and

WHEREAS, ensuring ongoing and stable funding for the operation of the MWTLC is a necessary requisite to effective leadership and coordination of effort on all issues of Tribal concern on each of the Reservations in Montana and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the MWTLC is comprised of duly authorized representatives from their respective Tribal Government who are duly authorized to act on behalf of the MWTLC;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Montana - Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (MWTLC) does hereby authorize the Executive Director to seek funding for the MWTLC from any available source, whether public agency or private foundation.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and approved by all members present at a duly convened meeting of the MT-WY Tribal Leaders Council held on the 13th of February 2002 at the Conference Room of the MT/WY Leaders Council Office, 207 N. Broadway, in Billings, Montana.

Geri Small - Chair

MT-WY Tribal Leaders Council

Ervin Carlson - Secretary

MT-WY Tribal Leaders Council

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February 15, 2007

Re: Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

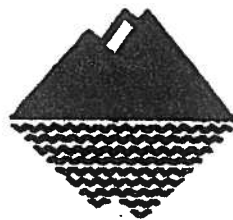
To Whom It May Concern:

I am the internal accountant for the above-referenced entity. Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council is a governmental organization. Therefore, since they are not a non-profit entity, they do not file Form 990, Return for Organization Exempt From Income Tax. There is an annual audit performed by an outside accounting firm and that report can be made available when requested.

Sincerely,



Jeannine M. Cozzens



Compliance, Valuation & Resolution
Sam W. Mitchell Building

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March 27, 2000

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Billings, MT 59101-1951

Dear Mr. Belcourt:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your request for a written determination regarding the aforementioned tribal organization's requirement to register with the Department of Revenue.

Upon review of the submitted information, we have determined Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council is not required to register with the Department of Revenue for purposes of the Montana Corporation License Tax.

Please feel free to contact me at (406) 444-3579, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Shona McHugh, Business Specialist
Compliance, Valuation and Resolution

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1/15/09

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE

**U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
EARTH RESOURCES OBSERVATION AND SCIENCE CENTER
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA**

**AND
MONTANA WYOMING TRIBAL LEADERS COUNCIL
BILLINGS, MONTANA**

Article I. Background and Purpose

The **Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center** (hereinafter referred to as EROS) of the U.S. Geological Survey (hereinafter referred to as USGS), and Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (hereinafter referred to as TLC), together referred to as the Parties, recognizing their mutual interests in science and the environment, hereby agree to cooperate in such a manner that each may benefit from the other's strengths, and in order that programs of both institutions may be enhanced.

The mission of the USGS is to provide the Nation with reliable, impartial information to describe and understand the Earth. This information is used to minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy and mineral resources; enhance and protect the quality of life; and contribute to wise economic and physical development. As part of the USGS mission, EROS maintains one of the largest collections of images of the Earth's land surface, and is a national resource for the archive, dissemination and scientific application of Earth resource geospatial information.

The mission of TLC is to provide leadership, support, and collaborative efforts for Tribes in Montana and Wyoming. In order to preserve and maintain our homelands, defend our Tribe's rights under our Indian Treaties with the United States, to speak in a unified voice, to offer support to our people, to afford ourselves a forum in which to consult each other, to enlighten each other about our peoples, and to otherwise uniformly promote the common welfare of all of the Indian Reservation peoples of Montana and Wyoming.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to build collaborations between USGS and TLC entities. This MOU is designed to coordinate the USGS and TLC research, education, and technology development activities to serve in the interest of the State of Montana and Indian Country of the Nation overall. All participating parties have a responsibility and an interest in promoting sound environmental practices and activities that lead to a more sustainable environment in Indian Country. This MOU serves to enable Tribes to access training resources and technical services through the USGS EROS.

Article II. Scope

This MOU serves as an umbrella agreement that sets forth the general terms and conditions under which the Parties will coordinate and cooperate in activities involving research, education, and technology development. Such activities may include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Cooperation in the development of programs of mutual interest;
2. Participation of USGS scientists, engineers, and technical staff and TLC staff, TLC partners, and technical staff in exchange programs and in joint educational activities;
3. Training opportunities for Tribes in Montana and Wyoming, and partners, directed to USGS mission responsibilities (e.g., community based research);
4. Provide a process to facilitate communities working together to promote outreach and education in Indian Country.
5. Exchange of data, other information, and software, which is available and not protected by proprietary agreements with a third party;
6. Consultation between USGS and TLC experts on technical topics related to Earth science, technology development, education and outreach;
7. Co-participation in meetings, seminars, workshops, or colloquia;
8. Cooperation in the development and operation of outreach programs that promote science and technology within the Native American Indian population and other groups who are underrepresented in Earth science and engineering professions.

Article III. Agreements/Responsibilities

The Parties agree to endeavor to:

1. Cooperate to assist public agencies, Tribal governments, primary, secondary and higher educational institutions, private enterprise, and international organizations in employing geospatial data and information, remote sensing and digital image processing techniques, and geographic information and other computing systems to better manage and support natural resources decision making, advance agricultural development, protect environmental quality, and deal with other pressing business management issues.
2. Cooperate in the advancement of knowledge in science as it relates to the environment, including Indian Country practices and knowledge. Relevant community based learning principles and outreach will provide a conduit for information sharing and building sustainable communities through basic and applied research, education opportunities, and outreach to the public.

Article IV. Implementation and Coordination

In order to facilitate and promote cooperative efforts, the designees of the Director, EROS and President, TLC, will serve as coordinators and points-of-contact for their respective organizations. Responsibilities of the coordinators will include:

1. Providing assistance to the appropriate USGS and TLC personnel in identifying opportunities for, and initiation of, cooperative work;
2. Joint responsibility for scheduling regular (at least annually) meetings during which cooperative efforts conducted under the guidelines of this agreement can be reviewed and evaluated, future activities can be planned, and results of in-progress work can be reported.

Specific activities to be conducted under this agreement and the mechanisms by which they will be implemented will be addressed and defined jointly, on a case by case basis, by USGS and TLC in consideration of merit, existing commitments, projected schedules, available resources, and other relevant factors.

Article V. Financial Arrangements

This MOU defines the general terms and conditions under which EROS and TLC will cooperate. Performance under this MOU is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel resources through each Party's respective funding procedures. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Any endeavor to transfer funds between the Parties will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Any such endeavors will be outlined in separate funding documents which shall be independently authorized by appropriate authority. Costs or charges associated with projects or activities which are a part of this agreement will be evaluated and established on a case-by-case basis. It is apparent to both parties that their mutual interests will usually best be served by minimizing costs for exchange of data, information, services and other forms of cooperation. Therefore, it is agreed that, when compensation is required, every effort will be made to identify means and amounts of such compensation (including contribution of in-kind or compensatory services) which best serve the interests of both parties and the advancement of their shared objectives.

Article VI. Terms of Understanding

This MOU will have duration of **five (5)** years and shall take effect upon the date of the last signature. This MOU may be modified at any time by joint approval of the parties. It may be reviewed periodically and renewed upon mutual consent of the parties. The MOU parties will review the MOU and associated activities and discuss MOU arrangements and opportunities to work together at least once a year. This MOU may be terminated at any time by mutual written agreement of the parties, or by either party upon 60 (sixty) days written notice to the other party.

Article VII. Authorities

The authorities of the USGS to enter into this MOU include:

- Public Law 99-591—provides in Fiscal Year 1997 and thereafter that the USGS has permanent authority to “prosecute projects in cooperation with other agencies, Federal, State and private” (43 U.S.C. § 36c).
- Public Law 108-7—authorizes the USGS to enter into new cooperative agreements direct towards a particular cooperator in support of joint research and data collection activities with Federal, State, and academic partners (15 U.S.C. § 3710a).
- **Federal Policy and Management Act of 1976, Public Law 94-579 (90 Stat. 2766; 43 U.S.C. 1737)**
- The USGS Organic Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (43 U.S.C. § 31).

The authorities of TLC to enter into this MOU include:

- Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council Constitution & Bylaws that were updated, revised and approved at an official meeting of the Board of Directors on 11 January 2005 held at the Red Lion Convention Center in Helena Montana. In addition, the Board authorized (by resolution) the Executive Director to seek any private or public funding available to the organization and to conduct official business as the Executive Director.

Article VIII. Publications and Release of Information

Publications documenting cooperative efforts may be prepared by either Party, or jointly, provided that both Parties have an opportunity to review manuscripts prior to publication. To the extent possible,

decisions involving authorship, review of reports, and other conditions and circumstances will be addressed during the preparation of specific agreements or other activities referencing this MOU.

Should differences of viewpoint occur, an effort should be made to reconcile them. However, this shall not prohibit either Party from publishing the data or information provided it assumes sole responsibility and gives appropriate credit to the other Party. Neither EROS nor TLC will make editorial changes to the portions of joint documents drafted by the other Party without full knowledge and consent of the other Party.

The Parties agree that sharing credit is mutually beneficial, and will make every effort to assure that appropriate citation and attribution, including the use of official visual identifiers of both Parties, is given for work performed under this MOU.

Publicity and public information products, including news releases, reports, briefing papers, or other information products, are subject to the same terms and conditions as other publications as stated above.

Any commitment of either Party to preserve the confidentiality of information is subject to applicable United States laws and regulations.

Article IX. Authorized Representatives and Contacts

The following authorized representative and contact information is provided for both parties in this MOU:

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Article X. Approval

This MOU is effective upon the date of the last signature.

U.S. Geological Survey
Earth Resources Observation
and Science (EROS) Center

Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

Jeffery Eidenshink Date
Acting Director
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Executive Director
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